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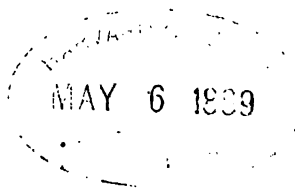
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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This Society shall be known as THE WOMEN'S ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

The object of this Society shall be to promote Anthropology, by encouraging its study and facilitating the interchange of thought among those interested in anthropologic research, and by arranging and preserving systematically all information relating to it, and also by holding regular meetings for its discussion.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERS.

The Society shall consist of Active, Honorary, and Corresponding members.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall be Directors *ex officio*, and six additional Directors.

The above-named officers shall constitute the Board of Directors, and shall have full power to conduct and transact all the business and financial affairs of the Society, except where otherwise provided for.

ARTICLE V.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The said officers shall be elected by ballot, from the active members, at the annual meeting, and shall serve from the time of their election to the end of the official year in which their election takes

place; but they shall continue in office until their successors are chosen.

In case of a vacancy occurring in either of the above-named offices, an election shall be held to fill the said vacancy at the first regular meeting of the Society, at which a quorum is present, following the regular meeting at which the vacancy may become known.

ARTICLE VI.

THE OFFICIAL YEAR AND THE ANNUAL MEETINGS.

The official year shall commence on the fourth Saturday in January, which shall also be the day for holding the annual meeting. Should a quorum not be present on the day above stated as the day for holding the annual meeting, the said annual meeting shall stand adjourned to the time appointed for the succeeding regular meeting; and in case a quorum should not be present at the next succeeding regular meeting, the annual meeting shall stand adjourned from one regular meeting to the one that succeeds it, until a quorum is obtained. The annual meeting is also to be considered for all business purposes as a regular meeting. The number of active members necessary to constitute a quorum at the annual meeting shall be fifteen.

ARTICLE VII.

POWER TO ENACT BY-LAWS.

The Society shall have power to make and establish from time to time such by-laws as it shall judge proper, provided such by-laws shall not conflict with any of the provisions of this Constitution.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

Alterations or amendments of this Constitution may be made at the annual meeting, by a two-thirds vote of the active members present, and such proposed amendments and alterations must have been presented and read at a previous regular meeting.

ARTICLE IX.

SUSPENSIONS.

This Constitution shall take effect from the date of its adoption, and no part of it shall at any time be suspended.

BY-LAWS.

AMENDED MARCH 30, 1889.

ARTICLE I.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Active members must be residents of the United States of America.

SEC. 2. Corresponding members must be competent to make anthropological communications.

SEC. 3. Honorary members must have made important contributions to knowledge.

ARTICLE II.

MODE OF ELECTING MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. Nominations for membership shall be made to the Board of Directors, in writing, on blanks provided for the purpose, and signed by at least three members, and when recommended by the Board at a regular meeting of the Society, the nominees may be elected at any regular meeting thereafter.

SEC. 2. Voting for candidates shall be by ballot. Three opposing votes shall suffice to reject a candidate.

ARTICLE III.

DUES.

SECTION 1. The annual dues for active membership shall be five dollars. Before any member elect shall be considered a member she must pay the dues and sign the Constitution.

SEC. 2. Annual dues shall be paid in advance, at the commencement of the calendar year, and no person in arrears for dues shall be entitled to vote at the annual meeting.

SEC. 3. Any active member failing to pay the annual dues shall be notified in writing by the Treasurer.

SEC. 4. Members absent from Washington, D. C., for a year or more may, by notifying the Recording Secretary, be retained on the

roll as absent members: active membership to be resumed at any time by payment of dues for the current year.

SEC. 5. Honorary and corresponding members are not subject to dues.

ARTICLE IV.

DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

SECTION 1. The President shall preside at the meetings of the Society and of the Board of Directors, and she shall be *ex officio* member of all committees. She shall approve all bills chargeable to the Treasury, appoint all committees not otherwise ordered, and decide all questions of order. She shall have the general supervision of all the affairs of the Society, and see that the several officers perform their duties in a proper manner. She shall also see that the provisions of the by-laws are strictly observed.

ARTICLE V.

DUTIES OF THE VICE-PRESIDENTS.

SECTION 1. In the absence of the President the Vice-Presidents, in the order in which they are named, shall perform the duties of the President.

ARTICLE VI.

DUTIES OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

SECTION 1. The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all the proceedings of the Society and of the Board of Directors. She shall notify persons who have been elected to membership and members when they have been elected to office. She shall keep a roll of the members of the Society. She shall have the constitution and by-laws written in a book, kept for that purpose, with blank pages, so that amendments may be entered in the proper place; and also with blank leaves attached, for the signature of members. When she is officially notified that a member who is in arrears six months has been notified of such arrearage by the Treasurer, or any one legally acting in her place, and three months have elapsed since such notification was given, and she has failed to pay her indebtedness to the Society, then it shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary, when authorized by the Board of Directors, to erase the name of the delinquent member from the roll of the

Society, notify her of the fact that her name has been dropped from the roll, and for what cause, and report her action in the case at the next regular meeting of the Society. She shall issue the notices for all meetings, approve all bills chargeable to the Treasury, and perform such other duties appertaining to her office as the Society, the Board of Directors, or the President may require of her; and she shall present at the annual meeting a written report for the past official year.

ARTICLE VII.

DUTIES OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

SECTION 1. The Corresponding Secretary shall, under the direction of the Society, the Board of Directors, or the President, conduct the correspondence of the Society. She shall preserve copies of all the letters she issues and file those she receives. And she shall perform such other duties connected with her office as the Society, the Board of Directors, or the President may require of her; and she shall present at the annual meeting a written report upon the correspondence during the official year.

ARTICLE VIII.

DUTIES OF THE TREASURER.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect and safely keep all dues and moneys belonging to the Society, and only pay out the same on bills approved in writing by the President and the Recording Secretary. She shall fill up and attach her signature to the certificates of membership and issue the same. She shall notify, in writing, all persons who may be in arrears six months, and shall officially notify the Recording Secretary if such arrearages are not paid within three months after such notification. She shall, whenever requested by the Board of Directors, deliver her books and vouchers to them for examination. She shall carefully preserve and file all papers belonging to her department, and present, at the annual meeting, a detailed report of the receipts and disbursements of the Society for the past official year.

ARTICLE IX.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. At the commencement of the official year the President elected at the annual meeting shall appoint two standing com-

mittees; one of these to be named "The Committee on Communications" and the other to be named "The Committee on Printing." Each of these committees shall consist of three active members, who shall serve during the official year in which they may be appointed.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Communications to provide one or more suitable papers for each regular meeting of the Society.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Printing, under the direction of the Board of Directors, to take charge of and attend to the proper execution of any printing that the Society may undertake.

ARTICLE X.

ORGANIZATION OF SECTIONS.

SECTION 1. Sections for special work in any department of Anthropology may be formed upon the recommendation of the Board.

ARTICLE XI.

MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. The regular meetings of the Society shall be held on Saturday of each alternate week. Seven active members shall form a quorum at any regular meeting of the Society; and should a quorum not be present on any of the days above specified, the members present may adjourn to the next regular meeting. At the last meeting in May the Society shall adjourn to the second Saturday in November.

SEC. 2. Special meetings may be called by the President, either in her own discretion or on the written request of five active members; and she shall in the latter case issue her call within two days, and appoint the time for holding the meeting within seven days from the time she received the said application. At special meetings only such business shall be transacted as is stated in the call.

SEC. 3. No refreshments shall be provided at the regular meetings of the Society.

SEC. 4. The Board of Directors shall hold meetings on the days of regular meetings of the Society.

SEC. 5. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President, either in her own discretion at any time or on the written request of two members of said Board. In the latter case

she shall issue her call within one day, and appoint the time of meeting within seven days from the receipt of said application.

SEC. 6. Five members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE XII.

COMMUNICATIONS.

SECTION 1. Papers read before the Society must relate to Anthropology, and must not occupy more than thirty minutes in reading, unless by special permission.

SEC. 2. The President whose term of office has expired will be expected to deliver an annual address before the Society at a special meeting, known as the annual reception, to be held at such time and place as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIII.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

SECTION 1. Order of business at regular meetings :

1. Reading the minutes of last meeting.
2. Reports on candidates for membership.
3. Balloting on candidates for membership.
4. Reports of special committees.
5. Unfinished business.
6. New business.
7. Reading of papers.
8. Discussion.
9. Adjournment.

SEC. 2. Order of business at annual meetings :

1. Reading of minutes of last regular meeting.
2. Reading of the Recording Secretary's report.
3. Reading the Corresponding Secretary's report.
4. Reading the Treasurer's report.
5. Consideration of amendments to the Constitution previously offered.
6. Miscellaneous business.
7. Election of officers for the ensuing year.
8. Adjotrnment.

ARTICLE XIV.

RULES OF DEBATE.

SECTION 1. The rules in Cushing's Manual shall govern all debates, except in cases specially provided for herein.

ARTICLE XV.

PUBLICATIONS.

SECTION 1. The transactions of the Society shall be printed annually, or at such periods and in such form as may be determined by the Board.

SEC. 2. Papers read before the Society may be published, either in full or in abstract, at the recommendation of the Committee on Communications, with the approval of the Board of Directors and with the consent of the author. It shall be the duty of this committee to recommend to the Board papers for publication.

ARTICLE XVI.

RESIGNATIONS.

SECTION 1. Any member wishing to resign shall notify the Board of Directors in writing; the resignation to take effect from the date of its acceptance by the Board.

ARTICLE XVII.

AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1. All amendments to these by-laws must be presented in writing, signed by the member who proposes the amendment, and read at a regular meeting. They may be adopted at any regular meeting thereafter by a two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUSPENSION OF BY-LAWS.

SECTION 1. These by-laws shall take effect from the date of their adoption, and shall not be suspended, either in whole or in part, except by a unanimous vote of all the active members present at a regular meeting.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

April, 1880.

OFFICERS.

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Miss ALICE C. FLETCHER, Temple Hotel, Washington.

Recording Secretary.

Mrs. ANITA NEWCOMB MCGEE, 1620 P street, Washington.

Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. EMMA HAMMOND WARD, The Hamilton, Washington.

Treasurer.

Miss FLORENCE P. SPOFFORD, 1621 Massachusetts avenue, Washington.

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Mrs. MARY OLMSTED CLARKE, 1425 Q street, Washington.
Miss LYDIA M. DAME, 1100 M street, Washington.
Mrs. JEAN M. LANDER, 45 B street S. E., Washington.
Mrs. MARIANNA P. SEAMAN, 1424 11th street, Washington.

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Mrs. MARY HEMENWAY, Milton, Massachusetts.
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Miss EMMA PENROSE,	Colby Field, Wimbledon, England.
Miss CLARA ROGERS,	Boston, Massachusetts.

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HISTORICAL SKETCH
OF THE
WOMEN'S ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY
OF AMERICA.

BY
ANITA NEWCOMB MCGEE,
Recording Secretary.

READ AT THE ANNUAL RECEPTION, FEBRUARY 25, 1889.

On June 8, 1885, ten women of Washington met to form a scientific society. The idea was a novel one and hazardous, in that only one of the participants had ever done scientific work, to wit—Mrs. Tilly E. Stevenson. In her mind the plan of a women's anthropologic society was conceived, and to her energy, ability, and fostering care are due its birth and growth.

At the time of organization the objects of the Society were stated to be: "first, to open to women new fields for systematic investigation; second, to invite their coöperation in the development of the science of anthropology." The present constitution declares that "The object of this Society shall be to promote anthropology, by encouraging its study and facilitating the interchange of thought among those interested in anthropologic research, and by arranging and preserving systematically all information relating to it, and also by holding regular meetings for its discussion."

It is often asked why there should be two anthropologic societies in Washington. Speaking for ourselves, we have no desire to perpetuate a distinction of sex in science; and were we all professional scientists or possessed of education fitting us to enter the race for intellectual attainment without handicap, we doubt whether a second society would ever have been formed. Under existing conditions, however, we are satisfied to work out our own problems in antici-

pation of the time when science shall regard only the work, not the worker.

The Society has managed its business, held its regular meetings, and listened to the papers of its members for nearly four years; and, in spite of prophecies to the contrary, has slowly but steadily grown. Much of the credit for this success and harmony is due to Mrs. Stevenson, the founder, and for three and a half years the President of the Society. Her principal supporter at first was Miss Sarah A. Scull, then teacher of ancient history and mythology in Mrs. Somers' school for girls, and the Society's Corresponding Secretary. The other officers selected at the preliminary June meeting were Mrs. Emma Louise Hitchcock for Recording Secretary, and Mrs. Mary Parke Foster for Treasurer. A constitution was drafted and adopted at the same meeting, and the Society then adjourned until November 28, 1885. By-laws were adopted on January 9, 1886. At the first annual meeting, held January 30 of the same year, the constitution and by-laws were amended, and additions were made to the Board of Directors in accordance with the code. These were the two Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Mary E. James and Mrs. Lida Nordhoff; and six Directors, Miss Alice C. Fletcher, Mrs. Jean M. Lander, Mrs. Emma Hammond Ward, Mrs. Mary Olmsted Clarke, Dr. Clara Bliss Hinds, and Mrs. Cornelia E. McDonald.

Other names which appear later on the Board are Mrs. Sybil Augusta Carter and Mrs. Eliza Blair as Vice-Presidents; Mrs. Blair having previously filled the office of Corresponding Secretary, succeeding Miss Scull in May, 1886, on the latter's departure for Greece. At the same time the Recording Secretary, Mrs. Hitchcock, temporarily left the young society and journeyed toward Japan, where she observed the ever-interesting Orient for our future benefit. An able and worthy successor in the secretaryship was found, however, in the person of Mrs. Mary Olmsted Clarke. Mrs. Melissa A. Bryan, Mrs. Miranda Tullock, and Miss Florence P. Spofford have more recently served as Directors of the Society. At the close of 1886 the original and temporary constitution and by-laws were subjected to a thorough revision.

The members of the Women's Anthropological Society of America are grouped in three classes — honorary, corresponding, and active. The last includes a sub-class of absent members who are temporarily inactive. As originally organized the Society contained one honorary member (Miss Rose Elizabeth Cleveland) and twenty-one active

members, of whom five were not residents of Washington. The policy of the Society has always been to maintain a high standard of membership, one result of which is a practical limitation in numbers. The formalities surrounding the admission of new members are such that about a month elapses before a proposed name can be finally enrolled. At the same time, any thinking, intelligent woman, likely to take practical interest in the work, is gladly welcomed to the Society.

The membership to-day includes three honorary, eleven corresponding, and forty-five active members. Nine among the last are upon the absent roll.

Regular meetings are held on Saturday afternoons of each alternate week from November until May, inclusive. The fiftieth of these will be held on March 2d next. The average attendance has varied in different years from eleven to fifteen. For over two years the Society has been greatly indebted to the President and Trustees of Columbian University for the use of the reception rooms of the University building for our bi-weekly meetings. The regular meetings are devoted primarily to the presentation and discussion of original scientific communications, and all business, except elections, is transacted in detail at meetings of the Board or in committee before being submitted to the general Society.

In addition to the regular meetings, the by-laws provide for special meetings and an annual meeting in January for the election of officers and the reading of officers' reports. An annual reception may also be given, at which the retiring president is expected to deliver an address. In 1887 this reception was omitted, owing to the illness of the president. These special meetings are the only occasions on which refreshments are permitted by the code.

One of the first movements of the new Board of Directors for 1889 has been toward the formation of a library. A number of important works have been presented to the Society, and, through the courtesy of Major J. W. Powell, these are about to be placed in the library of the Bureau of Ethnology. Donations of anthropologic works will be gratefully received by the librarian, Mrs. Marianna P. Seaman:

Were we dependent upon what the Society has published, our library could be easily read. With the caution and forethought characteristic of our founder and her associates, the youthful body has refrained from much printing. Four small pamphlets have,

however, appeared. "The Organization and the Constitution of the Women's Anthropological Society" (1885) was superseded in 1887 by the revised "Constitution, By-laws, and List of Members." The two other pamphlets were designed to direct the members in their work. "Child Growth," by Dr. Clara Bliss Hinds (1886), was a plea for, and directions concerning, anthropometry. "What is Anthropology?" by Prof. Otis T. Mason (1888), was printed by the Society as the best available classification of anthropologic science, and at the same time as a guide to the branches of the subject requiring investigation.

It is now hoped that a volume of proceedings may be published at no distant day, though the material for it is considerably diminished by the publication elsewhere of several valuable contributions. As a general rule, a single paper, nominally thirty minutes in length, is read and discussed at each meeting. Forty-seven communications have thus far been contributed by members, a number of which were presented orally, and two presidential addresses have been delivered. In addition, two lectures were delivered at special meetings in 1887 — the first on February 12, by Mr. A. R. Wallace, on "The Great Problems of Anthropology;" and the second on April 23, by Mr. J. H. Smyth, on "The African in his Home and in America."

In reviewing the work of the Society, it is noticeable that the majority of the papers represent the results of personal observation on the part of their authors. They are real contributions to knowledge, generally much condensed from abundant material collected on some given subject. It results from this custom that no discussion has ever been given to the origin, antiquity, or primitive condition of man, and that no studies have been made in race classification or in philology.

A large number of papers are ethnographic in character; as are the two presidential addresses of Mrs. Stevenson: "The Religious Life of the Zuni Child," delivered in 1886, and published in the Fifth Annual Report of the Bureau of Ethnology; and "The Thirteen Medicine Orders of the Zuni," delivered in 1888, and printed in abstract in "Science." Four other papers presented by Mrs. Stevenson either have appeared or are to appear among the publications of the Bureau of Ethnology. Their subjects are: 1st, "The Moki Indian Snake-Dance;" 2d, "Mission Indians," in which are described the cosmogony, the ceremony of purification upon arriving

at puberty, and the baptismal ceremony, of the San Luisafios Indians of Southern California; 3d, "The Sand-Paintings of the Navajos;" and 4th, "Zufi and the Zufians." Some of these papers were illustrated by original drawings. Of a similar character are the four papers from Miss Alice C. Fletcher, an original member of the Society, who needs no introduction to the students of anthropology here or abroad. The first of these, "Omaha Child Life," appeared in part in the *Journal of American Folk-Lore*. The second, entitled "The Supernatural among the Omaha Tribe of Indians," was afterwards published in Vol. I, No. 3, of the *Proceedings of the American Society for Psychical Research*. The third paper was on "Winter Life among the Winnebago Indians," and the fourth on "The Heathuska Society of the Omaha and Ponka Indians and Indian Music." The last is now in press as a publication of the Peabody Museum of American Archæology and Ethnology of Harvard University. Commendation of the original and important work of Mrs. Stevenson and Miss Fletcher would be quite superfluous.

"Legends and Historical Sketches of the Iroquois Indians" (Washington, 1887) is the title of a privately printed pamphlet by Mrs. Laura M. Scofield, containing material previously presented to the Society in two papers. Two valuable communications have been given orally by corresponding members; viz., "Reminiscences of Life among the Iroquois Indians in the Province of Quebec," by the late Mrs. Erminnie A. Smith, and "The Sioux Indians," by Miss Mary C. Collins, of Dakota.

A number of members at one time found a most interesting field for study in the Basque peoples, and their results were presented in a series of brief papers. The contributions to this subject from Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Crissey, Miss Cathcart, and Mrs. Seaman were supplemented by notes on special points from Mrs. Foster, Miss Spofford, Mrs. Tullock, Mrs. McDonald, Miss Fletcher, and Mrs. James. These papers on the Basques are all compilations, but personal observation is again represented in such communications as those which follow. Mrs. Carter, our esteemed president, has given an admirable account of the "Hawaiians," while Mrs. Jean M. Lander ably described some "Customs and Manners of Scotch Highlanders." Mrs. Melissa A. Bryan offered some notes upon "The Japanese;" Mrs. Louise F. Hunt talked about "Russia;" and Miss

Eliza R. Scidmore has quite recently presented a chapter from her forthcoming work on "Korea."

The division of technology is represented by several papers, three of them being especially noteworthy and interesting. Under the title "Habitations of Man," Mrs. Hannah L. Bartlett summarized her researches concerning the dwellings of a large number of uncivilized people. An account of "House Building in Alaska" came from Mrs. Ella F. Thomas as one result of a two-years' stay in that land. To these Mrs. Carter added some facts concerning the "Habitations of the Hawaiians." Mrs. Matilda G. Bancroft, of San Francisco, acknowledged her membership in our Society by sending a paper on "Ceramic Art of the Pacific Coast," and Mrs. Mary E. Brown, of New York, a corresponding member, read what has since appeared as the chapter on "Chinese Music" in her book entitled "Musical Instruments and their Homes" (New York, 1888). An account of various methods of "Lighting and Warming" was presented by Mrs. Cornelia E. McDonald. Another interesting and important contribution, from Mrs. Scofield, is on "Petroleum and Natural Gas and their Relations to Man."

Only two papers may be classed as archæologic. The departure of Miss Sarah A. Scull for Greece, in 1886, has already been mentioned. Her destination was Athens, where for a year she was connected with the American School of Classical Studies, and pursued original researches among the ruins of Hellas. Her work and that of her associates was the theme of a most interesting discourse with which the Society was lately favored. The other paper was an account of studies in a similar direction, though not so detailed in character. This communication, by Mrs. Mary Parke Foster, on "The Ancient Ruins of Mexico," was based on material collected during a seven-years' residence in our neighboring republic. During this time some expeditions into almost unknown territory were made, and certain ruins explored for the first time by a foreign lady.

In the division of sociology appears a recent account of the "Evolution of a Community." In this Mrs. McGee followed the development of a religious body from its origin in Germany through various stages to its present condition as the most successful communistic organization in America. Two years ago the study of "Folk-Lore" was commended by Miss Ellen Weir Cathcart, and Mrs. Mary Olmsted Clarke gave "Some Negro Song Games,"

which had not been discovered by either Mr. W. H. Babcock or Prof. H. C. Bolton.

Last, but not least, must be mentioned the papers in somatology, some of which have also touched on psychology. Mrs. Clara Bliss Hinds, M. D., has long made a special study of anthropometry, and has urged upon our members the value of proper measurements and records in her paper, already noted, on "Child Growth," and in "How to Study Children." Mrs. Mary E. James presented an able résumé of studies made in the asylums of Brooklyn, N. Y., in her communication on "Food in its Relations to Child Growth." Under the title "Comparative Human Growth," Mrs. Emma Hammond Ward set forth some important, but little known, physiologic laws and their mental and moral bearing upon the race. In this division must also be included Mrs. Scofield's paper upon "Life." Finally, the President of the Washington Branch in the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, Mrs. Anna Howes Barus, has treated us to "The Physical History of College Women," an article based on statistics collected under the direction of its author, and published more fully by the Massachusetts Bureau of Labor Statistics in their annual report for 1885.

Such are the principal themes thus far discussed by our Society. In these brief notes it has been impossible to convey more than a vague idea of their scope or character, or to indicate their value as original contributions to knowledge. The purpose of this sketch will have been served if some conception has been given of this new work undertaken by women and of the progress already made upon it. We do not claim perfection in any particular, but we do believe our organization to be the minute seed from which a great forest will spring.

There are hundreds of societies in which knowledge is cultivated and fostered for its own sake, and in which many grand and useful conceptions find birth; there are in the United States several scientific societies devoted wholly to anthropology; but among all of these the first to be organized and maintained by women alone is the Women's Anthropological Society of America.

